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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

FIVE CENTS

Geo. Hodsdon Promoted To Assistant Manager



GEORGE E. HODSDON

The appointment of George E. Hodsdon as assistant general manager of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., and the granting of an additional week's vacation to both Mr. Hodsdon and General Manager Sulo Laakso were among the actions taken by the board of directors at its meeting last Saturday evening.

The directors also decided that the increase to 40 cents in the price of adult haircuts, authorized by the stockholders on May 1, would become effective May 13 and that children under five be admitted to the theater only if accompanied by a person 15 years of age or over.

Beauty Parlor hours recommended to the board by the management were approved and also will become effective on May 13. The new hours will be as follows: Monday, 12-8; Tuesday, 9-6; Wednesday, 9-12; Thursday, 9-6; Friday, 10-8; and Saturday, 9-6.

The position of assistant general manager is a new one, having been created by the board at Saturday's meeting. Mr. Hodsdon, who in the past has been serving as office manager, also has been assisting Mr. Laakso in the management of the organization and the new position is more commensurate with the work he has been doing. He will act as manager during Mr. Laakso's absence, and will continue to be office manager also.

Because of the pressure of work during the period of organization of the cooperative upon both the general manager and office manager, it was felt by the directors that each of them should be granted an additional week's vacation, to be taken in the near future.

A recent request from the Parent-Teacher Association to the directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Services to consider the problem of very small children attending the theater unaccompanied by adults or larger children resulted in the decision by the board to approve a recommendation that children under five may be admitted to the movie only if accompanied by a person who is not less than 15 years old.

It was stated that this action was taken in the interest of public safety and of convenience to the patrons of the theater.

FIREFIGHTERS CONGRATULATED

The State Fire Warden sent special congratulations to Wallace F. Mabey on the manner in which his men handled the Lanham forest fire last week, asking their number, names, and what equipment had been used.

Greenbelt's fire department was called upon at 2 P.M. when the fire had been burning about five hours, and Mr. Mabey sent over 35 men and one "stake body" truck, one small maintenance truck, and three station wagons, in addition to the regular fire truck and equipment. The light trucks proved useful in swiftly transporting fire-fighting crews from one danger point to another. In an hour and a half, with the Greenbelt crew cooperating with other local units on the spot, the blaze was under control, and it was completely extinguished by 5 o'clock. Setting back-fires was one of the methods used to thwart the conflagration.

Mr. Mabey says "we have easily 50 men available for fire-fighting." The maintenance men at work on the gardens were not called upon last week.

P. T. A. WILL SPONSOR BOX SOCIAL

A real old-fashioned Box Social sponsored by the P.-T. A. is to be held at the school on Thursday, May 16, at 7 P.M.

All adults and especially the High School and Singles groups are invited to take part in the fun. The ladies will please fix their fanciest supper boxes, with their names inside, and they will be auctioned off at not more than 50 cents to the gentlemen.

There will be lots of free coffee and lemonade, and ice cream for sale. Music and games will top off the evening.

SINGLE GREENBELTERS INVITED TO RECREATION NIGHT

A pair of rubber-soled shoes is the only fee required for admission of Greenbelt single people to the Co-Ed Recreation Night tonight at 8 in the auditorium.

Variety Store Move Gets Customers Approval

By R. S. Sowell

The board of directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., is now ready to begin a thorough study of the situation preparatory to opening the new Variety Store on or before September 1, having been authorized by the stockholders at their recent quarterly meeting to invest up to \$3,500 to purchase equipment and additional stock for the proposed store. The meeting was held Wednesday, May 1, in the social room of the Greenbelt Elementary School.

In addition to authorizing the new store, provided that "Farm Security Administration will finance such air-conditioning as the board shall deem satisfactory," the co-op members authorized the directors to raise the price of adult haircuts to 40 cents and to spend \$40 per week in the Cooperator for advertising space. They also amended the by-laws of the organization so that the Town of Greenbelt may become a member of the cooperative and consequently receive \$15.87 in share credits for the \$1,058.04 worth of purchases during 1939.

The board's recommendation regarding the opening of the new store was unanimously approved. The report, presented by Mrs. Carnie Harper, pointed out that since the cooperative must pay \$4,000 on its indebtedness to Consumer Distribution Corporation during 1940, it is quite possible that this investment in the new store will prevent the cash payment of patronage returns for 1940, but that the amount of the returns would not be affected. They would be paid in the form of credits toward shares.

In presenting her report, Mrs. Harper pointed out that if the membership voted to open the new store, it would be necessary to obtain Consumer Distribution Corporation's approval of the investment, in accordance with the financial agreement between G.C.S. and C.D.C. Mr. Herbert E. Evans, vice-president of C.D.C. and a member of G.C.S. drew a round of applause by stating that Consumer Distribution Corporation would accept the decision of the meeting as to whether the new store should be opened.

The directors believe, the report stated, that variety goods could be handled more economically in the proposed store, that the service would be better in both stores, that more merchandise could be stocked and displayed, and that the annual net margin for both stores probably would be \$2,000 as contrasted to an estimated net margin of \$800 under the present set-up.

The proposal to increase the price of haircuts to 40 cents, which was presented for the board by Howard C. Custer, was approved with only two dissenting votes. It is estimated, Mr. Custer stated, that a five-cent increase would give each barber an additional \$4 a week in salary.

It was pointed out that although the salary rates are five per cent above the union rates, no tipping is allowed, which in conjunction with the 35-cent price "has worked a considerable hardship on our first barber and his family, and has made it impossible for us to keep a permanent second barber" and has led to a "continual turnover of unsatisfied and unsatisfactory barbers."

The question of spending \$40 per week for advertising in the Cooperator was the only matter represented by both majority and minority reports by the directors, and resulted in a vote of 69 to 25 in favor of the \$40 weekly expense for Cooperator advertising.

The majority report, presented by Sherrod E. East and concurred in by Walter R. Volckhausen, Dr. Joe W. Still, Mrs. Bertha Maryn, Mrs. Harper, and Mr. Custer, contended that the Cooperator is of value to Greenbelt Consumer Services not only as an advertising medium, in which capacity the majority agreed with the management that a maximum expenditure of \$25 weekly was justified, but also as a promotional and educational medium.

On the latter grounds Mr. East stated that the cooperative's support of the Cooperator to the extent of the additional \$15 weekly could be justified purely on the grounds of self-interest, and pointed out that from the beginning of the community, G.C.S. has had in the Cooperator "the most effective educational and promotional medium obtainable."

Joseph Loftus spoke for the minority view, shared by himself, Earl J. Swales and Fred L. Wilde. He stated that while advertising is a necessity, it was his opinion that advertising in the Cooperator has not produced results proportionate to the cost, and that the local paper is not the only advertising medium available. The minority view was that the Cooperator advertising expense should be reduced to \$25 per week and that other media, such as handbills and circulars should be tried, Mr. Loftus said.

President Volckhausen in his formal report to the membership pointed out that the board so far has been concerned largely with completing the legal and technical actions consequent to the transfer of ownership and with establishing general policies and pro-

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Auto Tax Exemption Gets 2 Vote G.C.A. Margin

By Abraham Chasanow

By a margin of two votes, the Citizens Association defeated a resolution that the Association oppose the proposed exemption of automobiles from the local personal property tax ordinance.

The Association meeting last Monday night was one of the best-attended and most exciting for some time back. No question of a quorum was raised, as the official attendance was registered as 135.

As a result of a report by the Boy Scout Committee, the Association unanimously adopted a resolution that a second troop be formed in Greenbelt.

The Secretary of the Association read a letter from the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee transmitting for adoption a resolution pertaining to the formation and work of the Committee, which was approved unanimously.

The Housing Committee reported that no answer to the questions raised in its letter to the Farm Security Administration had yet been received, but that an answer was expected shortly.

An increase in membership of 22 in April and 9 for the first week in May was announced by the Milk Committee. Members of the Milk Buyers Club were urged to cooperate in reducing bottle losses, and those who had not yet joined the Club but desired to do so were asked to sign the buying pledge.

The Legislative and Town Administration Committee presented a report on the pending tax ordinance to be voted on by the Town Council at its next meeting. The Committee presented the pros and cons of the proposal to exempt automobiles from the Town personal property tax, and introduced a resolution that the Citizens Association go on record as opposing the proposed exemption. Several amendments to the motion on the resolution were moved, all of which were either withdrawn or defeated.

After considerable heated discussion, the question on the resolution was called for. A show of hands revealed a slight majority in favor of the resolution opposing the exemption. It was then moved that a standing vote be held. The second count showed a slight reversal in the voting, and the motion on the resolution was defeated by two votes.

A motion was then made that the Citizens Association go on record as recommending to the Town Council that automobiles be exempted from the personal property tax. As there was no second to this motion and no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Two sidelight high-lights of the meeting were the exceptionally interesting movies, the first of which was presented by George W. Bryant, the Greenbelt Postmaster, and depicted the activities of the Post Office Department. The second film was presented by the Journalistic Club and showed the production of an issue of the Cooperator from beginning to end.

AMATEUR NIGHT TO BE MONTHLY FEATURE

With the "outstanding success" of its second Amateur Night, the management of the Greenbelt Theater announced Saturday that these contests will be made a regular monthly feature.

The second contest was won by an act unique in amateur contests, according to regular followers of amateur entertainment. It was the Greenbelt Tumblers, a team of 13 grammar school girls under the direction of Miss Doris Dungan, recreational instructor. They staged numerous formations and individual stunts in impressive style.

Second prize went to Joe Slovenski, accordion player, on a close decision over Doris Langanecker, 14-year-old dancer. Both are from Branchville.

Finishing fourth but adding a great deal of pep to the program was John "Happy" Walker, town carpenter, who started the show with his hillbilly music. He played a guitar made entirely of materials out of the town carpentry shop.

Other Greenbelters participating were Robert Gray and Richard Bates as a harmonica team, 8-year-old Amelia Benjamin who sang, and Miss Phyllis Warner who recited with tiny Thor Wood as her subject. Miss Mary Lou Harmon of Berwyn, tap and song, and Mrs. Yetta Brelow and Jack Baum, both singers from Washington, completed the program.

According to the theater manager Robert Buchele, "The program was an outstanding success. All the talent came through nicely and it was entertaining from beginning to end. Ted Bucolo, the master of ceremonies, was more familiar with the audience than the first time. He handled the show beautifully. All comments were good."

Indications are, the manager stated, that there is still much talent to be uncovered in Greenbelt and that the theater will have many entertaining contests. He also said that there would be a contest for the winners for a grand prize.

By Anne Hull

Closest at hand are (1) the high school trail, which begins between 6 and 8 Ridge Road, and (2) the trail leading from the end of Woodland Way to Hurley Hill. The high school trail is very attractive, going past one tip of the lake, and through pine groves. Yet many of the high school students seem to prefer thumbing rides along Southway. Hurley Hill is so-called because it was once the site

Clark, the present occupant, who is very much interested in the early history of the neighborhood, says the house was built by the Tobin family, descendants of two brothers who fled from England just before the American Revolution with a price on their heads. After the war a land grant was made to the brothers by the American Congress which took in most of the

Various pieces of private property still remain within Greenbelt's corporate limits, and are indicated by lines of alternate long and short dashes. There is the Eddy tract near the Girl Scout Camp, the property belonging to Richard Schrom on Edmonston Road, Mrs. Nelly Rurrey's land beyond the water.

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NOTICE

The following rates have been suggested for use of Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts and Boating during the 1940 season:

SWIMMING POOL		
Annual Pass - Family	.....	\$10.00
Annual Pass - One Person	.....	5.00
Monthly Pass - Family	.....	3.75
Monthly Pass - One Person	.....	2.00
Passes for one-half month may be purchased on - or after the 16th the regular of each month - at monthly price		
Single Admissions - Adults	.....	.35
Single Admissions - Under 16 years	.....	.20
Strips of 10 Adult Tickets	.....	2.50
Strips of 10 Children's Tickets	.....	1.50
Children under six years -	.....	No
(If accompanied by an adult) .....	.....	charge
Annual and Monthly passes sold only to residents of Greenbelt.		

Passes sold for the month of June will be honored for any days the pool is open prior to June 1.

Passes sold for the month of August will be honored for any days the pool is open after August 31.

Towels10

The season will open on Memorial Day and close on Labor Day.

BOATS

Use of Boats - per hour20

TENNIS COURTS

PER HOUR

Weekdays - except Saturdays 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.20

Weekdays - except Saturdays - after 3:00 P.M.20

Saturdays - all day30

Sundays - all day30

Holidays - all day30

Children under 16 years of age, on Weekdays except Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. No

when courts are not in use charge

Visitors - or persons not bona-fide members of a family - must buy single admissions or strips of tickets.

These rates will be considered by Council in Regular meeting Monday, May 13, 1940 at 8:00 P.M. Any person or persons interested should be present at that time.

Winfield McCamy,

Town Clerk.

Dolores Juliano is recuperating at home after having her tonsils removed at Greenbelt Hospital. Mrs. Juliano has asked the Cooperator to express her appreciation to the doctors and nurses who attended her.

TO MY MANY FRIENDS IN GREENBELT-

I am now with Lehman's Super Service Station, 12th and K Streets, N.W., covering sales of Seiberling Tires and Tubes.

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35 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL ATTEND BREAKFAST

Some thirty five Greenbelt men will attend the Knights of Columbus Communion breakfast at St. James Hall, Mt. Rainier, on Sunday morning. This will be the first annual Communion breakfast to be held by the Prince Georges Council #2809 of the K. of C. Rev. Leo J. Fealy, Chaplain of the Council and Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn, is in charge of arrangements for the breakfast.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:00 A.M. with Father Fealy as the celebrant, at which time all membership of the council will receive Holy Communion in a body. Following Mass, breakfast will be served. A special speaker for the occasion has been invited from Washington, and it is expected that several Knights of Columbus from Washington will also attend.

Greenbelt is well represented in the membership of Prince Georges Council, and in addition, two officers of the council are local residents. William F. Culliney is financial secretary and Bernard Jones is treasurer. Other officers in Greenbelt are the Grand Knight, Casear L. Aiello, and H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., State's Attorney for Prince Georges County who is advocate of the council.

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tower, and, of course, the property on which the Schrom airport is located. John Walker, who lives near the airport, is Greenbelt's head carpenter, and is also much in demand as a square dance fiddler.

The wildest part of the Greenbelt tract is the "Southern Area", inhabited by fox and rabbits, according to Harvey Vincent. The pheasant was shown near the tree and shrub nursery at the request of Angus MacGregor, park superintendent. Should Greenbelt ever develop industries which would need quick transportation facilities, use could be made of Government purchased land to the north along and beyond the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks. Mr. Vincent reports that if there is any future building in Greenbelt, the town will probably expand in a southerly direction, toward the new garden area.

GREENBELTERS ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

A conference of the Southern Maryland District of the American Legion Auxiliary on May 2 at the Del Rio, Bladensburg, was attended by Mrs. Lewis C. Hedges, Mrs. Orrin F. McGoldrick, and Mrs. Thomas F. McNamara from Greenbelt. Mrs. McNamara, president of the Greenbelt Auxiliary, was presented with a citation for the group and complimented on its growing membership by the Baltimore Membership Department chairman.

Mrs. Julia Larsen Holt passed away Monday, May 6, at Greenbelt Hospital after suffering from a heart ailment for more than a year.

Born near Lillehammer, Norway, January 21, 1861, she came to Minnesota as a young girl, residing in Minneapolis until five years ago.

Mrs. Holt is survived by her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Martin, and grandson, Robert Allan McClary of 6-B Crescent Road.

Funeral services and interment will be at Mankato, Minnesota.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

We are continuing with Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch's delineation of what he calls "the great charter of all social prayers".

"When he bade us say 'Our Father', Jesus spoke from that consciousness of human solidarity which was a matter of course in all his thinking. He compels us to clasp hands in spirit with all our brothers and thus to approach the Father together. This rules out all selfish isolation in religion. Before God no man stands alone. Before the All-seeing he is surrounded by the spiritual throng of all to whom he stands related near and far, all whom he loves or hates, whom he serves or oppresses, whom he wrongs or saves. We are one with our fellowmen in all our needs. We are one in our sin and our salvation.

"The three petitions with which the prayer begins express the great desire which was fundamental in the heart and mind of Jesus: 'Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth'. Together, they express his yearning faith in the possibility of a reign of God on earth in which his name shall be hallowed and his will be done. They look forward to the ultimate perfection of the common life of humanity on this earth, and pray for the divine revolution which is to bring that about.

"There is no request here that we be saved from earthliness and go to heaven which has been the great object of churchly religion. We pray here that heaven may be duplicated on earth through the moral and spiritual transformation of humanity, both in its personal units and its corporate life. No form of religion has ever interpreted this prayer aright which did not have a loving understanding for the plain daily relations of men, and a living faith in their possible spiritual nobility.

"And no man has outgrown the crude selfishness of religious immaturity who has not followed Jesus in setting this desire for the social salvation of mankind ahead of all personal desires...With that understanding we can say that the remaining positions deal with personal needs."

His discussion of these we will reserve for the coming week.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP

"Adam and Fallen Man" is the subject of the lesson-sermon Sunday at 8 P.M. in the music room of the Elementary School building. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Men's Bible Class will be held this evening in the social room at 8 P.M. All members are urged to attend.

The Community Church extends thanks to all who participated in the recent Bake Sale, and requests those who forgot to take their plates and pie pans to call for them at the home of Mrs. R. Sauls, 28-A Ridge Road.

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Benjamin Rosenzweig will conduct Hebrew Congregation services at 9 P.M. tomorrow night. A short business meeting will be held after services.

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

The Sunday School will prepare a special program in honor of Mother's Day on May 12. Instrumental selections will be given by Erma Jane Stuart and Kay Thomas of the primary class. Mother's Day songs will be sung by the Cradle Roll class under the direction of Mrs. Anis Murdock. Appropriate flowers will be presented to all mothers present.

The subject, "The Status of Family Relationship Beyond the Grave", will be discussed by Elder Donald H. Wagstaff, the speaker at Sunday evening services. His text will be taken from the Book of Moses, First Chapter, 39th verse, "For behold, this is My Work and My Glory to bring to pass immortality and eternal life of man."

Following the discussion, Mr. Edward Fernly, tenor, will sing two selections.

The Ladies Relief Society meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Naomi Thomas, 2-B Woodland Way, on Wednesday, May 15, at 8:15 P.M.

NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS BEGIN

The new hours at the Administration Office which went into effect May 1, are from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. weekdays, and from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Saturdays.

See Actual Samples When You Order From Wards

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BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

BEAUTY PARLOR

Hours Changed

Effective Monday, May 13

Monday	Noon to 8 P. M.
Tuesday	9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Wednesday	9 A. M. to Noon
Thursday	9 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Friday	10 A. M. to 8 P. M.
Saturday	9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

PLEASE

Make appointments in advance as we have but one operator. It is often impossible to serve you unless you have made an appointment.

Thank you.

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In accordance with a resolution passed at the cooperative membership meeting, we announce a price increase in order that the barbers may earn better salaries.

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Mother's Day

The average mother of five children, according to the late Canon Arthur Sinker, bestows 45,000 kisses, peels 87,600 potatoes, darns 10,400 socks, and butters 175,200 slices of bread during a 20 year period of family life.

The day by day labor of any mother is too often overlooked and forgotten by man and child. Even such statistics as those given here arouse little emotion of appreciation. We are not too interested in the labor statistics of the housewife. Husbands and fathers work too. But mother was always something more than a cook and housecleaner. Mother was our support and refuge; mother was home and comfort and love.

Once each year we officially recognize these fine qualities which set mother off from all other women. One Sunday each May we pay tribute to her many virtues by wearing a flower, by small gifts, by special solicitude and attention, by writing long letters if we are away from home. Next Sunday mother will be feted and honored as the toast of the land,—and on Monday she will return to 45,000 kisses, 87,600 potatoes, 10,400 socks, and the buttering of 175,200 slices of bread.

Public Relations

Out of the Citizens Association's up and down career has come a public relations committee which may prove to be the most valuable step taken by the present officers towards helping the Greenbelt community to achieve its aspirations.

This committee, headed by Lyman Woodman, has as its function the furnishing of information about the Citizens Association to local residents, and the job of publicizing Greenbelt to other communities with newspaper stories, letters and other techniques. In its own words, the new unit will attempt to "sell the ideal community life idea—advertising our community as a practical reality of the theory of better living conditions."

Not having nor wanting a Chamber of Commerce or high pressure civic club in town it is the particular responsibility of our Citizens Association to respond with facts whenever there is published uninformed or untrue statements about Greenbelt. It appears that our public relations committee has a real case to start on at once. At the recent Washington meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce there was distributed a booklet entitled "Outlines of Eleven Talks on Timely Questions Affecting the American Free Enterprise System", in which Greenbelt is listed on page 30 as an illustration of "Collectivism and the Class War" in a rather unfair manner.

Similar instances of unfavorable publicity about our town should be reported to Mr. Woodman's committee or to the Cooperator so that proper answer can be made to those persons who would put Greenbelt in a false light before the general public.

Co-op Policy

Cooperative policy in Greenbelt was clarified last week at the quarterly meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services. On the agenda were three controversial propositions: the projected increase in the price of haircuts, advertising in the Cooperator, and opening of a new Variety Store in the empty store space under the Town Administration office.

The first item was clearly presented as a problem in labor relations. Wages of the two barbers have been considered inadequate even though they topped union standards. Despite this the barber shop was shown to be losing money by a small margin. The membership present, with just two exceptions, voted a five-cent increase in the price of haircuts, after being told in floor discussion that this was a clear and simple issue of whether the customer-owners were willing to take money out of their own pockets to pay better wages.

If private-profit business will look at Greenbelt Consumer Services it will see that the co-ops are putting into practice the fair labor and wage policy they talk about.

The second matter for consideration was whether the board of directors would be allowed to expend up to \$40 a week for advertising in the Cooperator. Out of the arguments for and against this proposal came a three to one vote in favor of continuing the present advertising relationships. There was demonstrated in this decision a realization that the various cooperative-minded groups in town must work together in common understanding. The co-op is apparently not going to isolate itself in any pretense of self-sufficiency.

Most encouraging outcome of the entire meeting was the demonstration of faith which the members showed in the future of their organization, by voting to invest up to \$3500 of their own money in opening up a Variety Store separate from the Drug Store. The benefit of such a development to local residents is readily apparent. Financial returns to members are less apparent, for expansion is always a gamble.

That share-holders are willing to forego patronage dividends in order to have better service and a chance for greater future returns is convincing evidence that our young consumers' cooperative has already reached the maturity necessary for its continuation as a successful enterprise.

Business to be considered at the recent meeting was well planned beforehand and well presented for the stockholders' consideration. The meeting was completely free of the bickering and wrangling which have characterized so many of the meetings in our community. The participants in the debates never descended to personalities. Everyone who spoke seemed to have in mind only his idea of the issue, regardless of who was for or against it, and stated his views fairly and squarely.

We would like to point out that the consumers' cooperative is setting an example for all Greenbelt. Its meetings start on time. It is endeavoring to attend to the business at hand without getting off on tangents. It is trying to hold interesting and productive meetings, and to close them at a decent hour.

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cedure.

Concurrently with these actions, he said, the board has given consideration to current problems of management and from now on the directors are ready to turn all their attention to the problems of increasing and improving the business. The report of Secretary Joe W. Still briefly reviewed the work of the board during the past four months.

Treasurer Wilde presented a financial report showing that although there has been only a slight increase in gross sales over the same quarter last year, there was an increase of \$461 in net savings due to the decrease in salary and expense percentages.

Stating that the committee had investigated the treasurer's annual report, as instructed to do at the annual meeting on February 7, the auditing committee said that the treasurer's report reflected accurately the figures presented in the audit report of a certified public accountant and that the setting up of an asset called "Leasehold" was in accordance with advice of the accountant who made the audit and was justified both legally and according to sound cooperative practice.

The auditing committee's report was accepted unanimously by the membership.

The reports by Mrs. Maryn, chairman of the education committee, and Mr. Swales, chairman of the membership committee, told of the work of each during the past four months. The education committee is building a cooperative library, is working with other groups in arranging educational programs, and is sponsoring neighborhood nights.

The committee is studying legislation that affects cooperatives and consumers and, in cooperation with the membership committee, plans entertainments for newcomers to introduce them to cooperative products and to the local consumers cooperative.

Mr. Swales reported an increase of 60 fully-paid shares during the quarter, from 356 to 416. The number of shares subscribed for but not fully paid has decreased from 233 in January to 205 on March 31.

The membership committee chairman frankly stated that most of the new accounts resulted from the patronage return. During the first quarter a great deal of the committee's contacts were made to straighten out improperly filled out application forms and to make patronage return adjustments, in addition to calling on prospective new members.

The meeting, which was made up of a very composed group of 104 members and adjourned at 11 o'clock, was preceded by a short movie and singing led by Mr. Wilde, and followed by dancing and refreshments.

Entitled "Widening Horizons" and running for about ten minutes, the movie showed pictures of cooperator meetings on the campus of Massachusetts State College at Amherst, which several Greenbelt representatives attended, and which several other Greenbelters probably will attend this summer, according to the chairman of the education committee.

The Journalistic Club meets next Wednesday evening, May 15, at 8:00 in the Cooperator Office.

Francis S. Fosnight, staff photographer, will show his collection of colored slides about Greenbelt, accompanying the pictures with the lecture that many outsiders have heard

Poison Ivy Club

It has been suggested by our secret operative 7XZ53 that this week's candidate for the Poison Ivy Club should be the Town Administration official who was seen shopping at a nearby chain store in a neighborhood.

Personal Advertisements

WANTED—Passenger, vicinity Commerce Department. 8:30 - 4:00. 1940 Plymouth. 22-D Crescent Road.

Letters to Editor

BELIEF OR ABILITY

To the Editor:

Your editorial "Belief or Ability?" (May 2) impels me to write. Why uphold Bertrand Russell? It isn't a question merely of ability but also of fitness. For example, would you submit to having your child taught by a professed prostitute who might be a "Wiz" at "math"? You failed to mention that the Earl's courses at U. C. L. A. were mathematics and philosophy. Now I'm not familiar with all of this man's works, but I do know that in one of his chapters under philosophy, he avers that it is absurd to expect one party of a marriage to remain faithful during the absence of the mate. That's just human according to Russell, so how can the faithless one be guilty of wrong-doing? If you would be logical, you will see how impossible it is to divorce one's innermost convictions from such a profession as teaching. Consequently, private doctrines cease to remain the teacher's own affair the moment they are propagated amongst the students whether the medium be the lecture platform or a published book.

As for the case of the George Washington University professor, it substantiates the foregoing argument. Her subject was English and her apparent Communistic sympathies may have been her own business; but only until she unwisely recommended those two radical publications, "The Nation" and "The New Republic", whose patron saint is Marx. I presume almost everyone is familiar with his famous remark: "Religion is an opiate of the people."

Let us not be deceived. Those who cry loudest for tolerance are the first to suppress freedom directly they come into power. Stalin and Hitler are making history to prove the truth of this in our own day.

— Elizabeth A. Cook

AVOID LABOR DISPUTES

To the Editor:

Under the head "Letters to the Editor" last week, you printed a communication signed by the "Greenbelt Members, United Cafeteria Employees, Union 471" in which a number of allegations appeared concerning the management of the Press Cafeteria (presumably in Washington, D. C.).

This communication, of course, presented only one side of a disagreement which may have a number of fine arguments on the opposition's side. Who is in the right in this "Press Cafeteria Strike" cannot be determined from the publication of that letter, and I doubt that the Cooperator has any notion of following up the arbitration or strike results.

For this reason I believe that the Editor would do well to steer clear of publishing in the future such free advertising for any one faction in a union-versus-employer fracas.

— Lyman L. Woodman

HAIR CUTS AND PRICES

To the Editor:

At the G.C.S. meeting May 1 the directors announced that they had decided various policies and were now ready to consider other matters. Presumably as a decided policy, the board asked authority to raise the cost of haircuts to 40 cents (a mandatory 5 cent tip). One member was "glad the question of wage policy had been brought up". Someone promptly "moved the previous question". This action ended discussion, leaving untouched such angles as these:

1. What do we get for this increase? Not even better service was offered! The loss of income by a "no tipping" rule seemed to have the membership bawling with sympathy for the mistreated barbers. (Try to tip a barber west of the Rockies and he will—figuratively—spit in your face.) Do the other employees receive tips or complain of their lack? NO!!! Prompter service in the barber shop should be the real question. Neither the barbers nor the management have used the simple means of keeping a weekly chart of the number of customers handled during each hour and either posting or advertising this information so that people could be encouraged to come other than rush periods.

2. Why should the barbers be selected for a wage increase? Their present wages exceed union requirements and 35 cents is the union price for Greenbelt. What of the other 40-odd employees of the G.C.S.? Their wages are lower and just about meet the union scale. They also have families to support; many of them live here; most of them have worked here much longer than the barbers.

3. What will be the policy of G.C.S. when these other employees desire wage increases? Will it raise by 14 per cent the price of gasoline? Will it raise the price of groceries, variety goods, drugs, and tobacco by 14 per cent?

A monopoly on services does not mean that we can sit back and depend upon the private business method of raising prices to settle questions. If the intent of the board was to raise the real wages of the barbers, why didn't the board raise the guarantees? Perhaps the barber shop needs to be subsidized like some of our other enterprises.

It is not the purpose of this letter to state that the wages of the G.C.S. employees are sufficient. Quite the contrary, in my opinion, they are too low (including the barbers!). The question is, which road to take: Raising prices or more efficient management?

The world beats a pathway to the door of the man with the most efficient mousetrap!

— William J. Van Schelven

J. W. Rabbitt, town treasurer, wishes to remind Greenbelters that an unpaid personal property tax may result in the publication of the debtor's name and the sale of some of his personal property to raise the money.

This is made mandatory on your town government by a town ordinance to that effect.

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Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

"NATIVE SON"

by
Richard Wright

"Native Son" is the story of a few days which carried Bigger Thomas, Chicago negro, from bullying cowardice through murder to the position of black fiend against the hating world hunted across roof tops in the snow.

The book is divided into three parts, Fear—Flight—Fate. There is melodrama, stark realism, and above all there is unusual power and an understanding of negro psychology.

The reader cannot help but sympathize to a certain extent with Bigger as he feels the constricting white world around him. We can almost feel his sullen timidity as he enters the rich white world as chauffeur. We resent with him the insensitive fraternizing of the communist Jan Erlone and rich radical Mary Dalton for whose murder he eventually died. We can also sense his fear when he follows accidental murder with a deliberate attempt to extort money by a kidnapping note to the rich and conventionally kind parents of the slain girl and when he kills his own colored sweetheart in the frenzy of flight.

The power in the ordered violence of the law's processes is brought out very clearly. In the satire of the brutally ambitious district attorney and of the brutally sensational journalism as well as in the almost mystical plea for Bigger's life by the wise radical Jewish lawyer there is a tendency toward solemnity and almost—not quite—toward sentimentality.

"Native Son" portrays a segment of America and as such it is a disturbing book. It is very frank in dealing with the menace of negro misery and degradation, it is headlong and hard-boiled. Bigger Thomas is an example of a type found in our civilization—he is a symbol of man's failure, and, in his fear of contemplating it, the object of his cruelty and his hate.

— Reba C. Harris

Health Association Will Issue Coupons For Movies

Free five-cent coupons are being issued this week by Greenbelt Health Association so that the public may see "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," coming to the Greenbelt Theater May 12 and 13, for twenty cents.

This highly-praised movie, which tells the story of medical research resulting in the first dependable cure for syphilis, is sponsored by the Association, and the coupons are issued as an inducement to attend. Interest of the Health Association in disseminating health information in the community is the reason for the sponsorship.

The free coupons are available to all residents of Greenbelt, regardless of membership in the Association, and may be obtained from any member of the Association.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND

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To all of us

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Of resources

If we are to achieve
Our common goal:
An opportunity for all
To live well.

— Howard C. Custer

Community Health

By S. R. Berenberg, M.D.
Director, Department of Public Health

Many of us have heard our neighbors say "I'll not take my children to the Public Health Clinic because it is a charity service." But their children go to public school and these parents do not feel their education is provided by charity. Because public education has been accepted for a longer period of time as a community service, paid for by the people themselves through taxation, no one regards schooling as a "charity service."

Actually it is not so long ago that the American people decided that general illiteracy was a detriment to the economic and social life of our country and instituted public, tax-supported institutions to provide learning for all. Public health facilities represent a more recent realization of the American people that the health of the nation is the responsibility of all and not the concern of individuals alone or of family units. So today public health stands at the threshold of the road toward its two-fold aim.

For public health institutions are concerned primarily with preventative medical procedures and education in all health matters. This broad definition of aims embraces such subdivisions as sanitation, insect control, research, etc.

A patient with an inflamed appendix or a broken leg, though he may be desperately ill, is a menace to no one else. However, certain communicable diseases such as diphtheria, tuberculosis and syphilis, are the immediate concern of existing public health agencies because the sick person with one of these diseases becomes a potential menace to others and the whole social group—the village, city, eventually the nation, is endangered.

And the group can protect itself as a whole only by isolating the sick person, by taking advantage of all immunization knowledge available today and by supporting, through taxation, the personnel and equipment to accomplish this protection.

Consequently there can be no stigma of charity attached to acceptance of any or all means of protection which are set up in such tax-supported public health agencies. On the contrary it is the duty of every citizen to take advantage of these services that he helps to maintain, not only for his own sake, but for the sake of the community of which he is a part.

The reduction in the number of cases of communicable diseases in this country through our public health measures, has resulted in actual saving of money, as well as in increased good health for Americans.

When next we hear our neighbors hesitating to send their children to the Public Health Clinic, let us assure them that they should eagerly accept the services they are paying for to protect the health of their families and their community.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARKS CHILDREN'S CRUSADE WEEK

The Greenbelt Elementary School participated in Children's Crusade Week, April 22-30, instigated by Dorothy Canfield Fisher for the purpose of raising money to help children in foreign countries and to help our school children appreciate the benefits of democracy. The children were asked to bring to school as many pennies for the fund as they were years old, and the week culminated in a pageant in which the entire grade school participated.

The sixth and seventh graders presented scenes contrasting a modern American classroom with a group of foreign children who were listening to the words of a dictator over a loudspeaker. Local color was provided by the first, second and third grades, who demonstrated folk dances and games from various countries. One group from the fourth and fifth grades performed a Norwegian dance, while another section told how they had earned their contributions to the fund, for instance, by working for their Mothers and for the neighbors.

At the completion of the program, the whole school sang the chorus from "God Save America".

WITH THE PLAYERS



Last week this column predicted that the name of the next Greenbelt Players' production would be released today. The prediction was not substantiated, as there will be no "next play" for some time to come.

One week ago Tuesday the Greenbelt Players met to discuss the previous play, "Blind Alley", to make nominations for their annual election this month, and to select their next play.

Whether the Players make lots of money—or make nothing—is of no immediate concern to this column. What does concern the writer, however, is the lack of response from the citizens toward the honest and sincere efforts of our neighbors to foster an appreciation of the legitimate theatre here. True, the Players have not put on professional-type shows; their stars haven't been Barrymores or Colberts; their scenery wasn't executed by high-salaried Broadway theaterites; they had no costumes by Adrian or any of the other costly and elaborate deckings that make the big shows. Our Players do have initiative and courage, though, and the desire to do the best job possible with the material available. These local thespians have recently brought you a number of fine shows, such as "Room Service", "Both Your Houses", "Cradle Song", "Awake and Sing", and "Blind Alley". All these productions were very good as to story content, and, recognizing they were performed by amateurs, were all well presented.

In all but the last play, the group came out ahead financially. For some unknown reason—maybe due to lack of sufficient local publicity or push in ticket sales, or due to lack of citizens' interest—there were about 60 or 70 in the audiences for the two "Blind Alley" shows. Not enough to clear expenses. For this reason, mainly, the Greenbelt Players will not put on another play this spring.

It is hoped that our citizens have not lost the ability to appreciate a play—to realize what a production means to a cast—to the production staff—and to the audience.

What the fall of 1940 will bring in the way of stage plays is not known. Perhaps the Players can awaken the residents to the good that is done by a little theatre group that is well backed morally and financially. Perhaps the Players might, during their siesta of semi-social club gatherings of the summer, scare up a plan or a program to jolt the populace into a realization of the town's real need for their drama work.

In the meantime, according to Players President Bill Kinsley, the officer staff of the organization will be dissolved—the 1939-1940 play season has come to an end—and future Players meetings will be informally held in various members' homes, without benefit of elected guiding officers.

This edition of "With the Players" concludes a series of columnar comments of over ten months duration. The writer would like to see the column continued and see it grow and become more interesting. With practically a cessation of group activities among the Greenbelt Players organization, however, the column is no longer warranted.

— Lyman L. Woodman

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, May 9		
Athletic Club	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Community Men's Group	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Friday, May 10		
Hospital Auxiliary	8:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Saturday, May 11		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy. Bsmnt.
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Road
Square Dance	9:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, May 12		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study Class	8:30 A.M.	Music Room
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Music Room
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Young People Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg
L.D.S.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Monday, May 13		
Girl Scouts #17	3:30 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts #26	6:45 P.M.	Hobby Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy Bsmnt.
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Town Council	8:00 P.M.	Council Room
Tuesday, May 14		
Girl Scouts #18	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Cub Den	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Sunday School Orchestra	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Vegetable Group	8:00 P.M.	4-H Southway
Wednesday, May 15		
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy. Bsmnt.
Sunday School Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room
Mens Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Journalistic Club	8:00 P.M.	Cooperator Of.

At the Circuit Court sitting at Upper Marlboro last Thursday, Herbert Hall, Herbert Boswell, and William Swartz pleaded guilty to the theft of copper from the Greenbelt warehouses last fall. Mr. Hall was given a two year sentence by the Judge, while Mr. Boswell and Mr. Swartz will serve 18 months each.

Carlisle Swartz entered a plea of not guilty, and his case is pending to be brought up again at the State Attorney's discretion.

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WHAT GOD MADE MOTHERS FOR

(Editor's note: I don't like serials. I never have. But I do like this article which appeared in the Julia Lathrop News. I thought maybe you'd wondered, as I have at times, just what God did make mothers for, and that maybe you'd be interested in reading what one man thought about it. The only trouble was, however, that it is too long to appear in one issue of the Cooperator, and there is no alternative but to divide it into five parts and give it to you in broken doses. I object to the word "serial". Please don't consider it as one, will you?)

There is the old, well-known incident of the colt in the pasture that day after day faithfully followed its mother around, running to her side whenever a train passed by; coming back regularly from its frolicking at meal time; having a great time with the mother pal. But one day when the colt came running again, the mare lifted her hind legs, placed a thumping whack against the ribs of her offspring and trotted off. Sadly the colt walked away. Instinctively it knew that it was now "on its own."

That is customary in the animal world. Parental care is withdrawn. The "child" must learn to shift for itself. But human mothers keep on loving their children, caring for them no matter how many years come and go. Human children, in a Christian world, are never pushed out of the nest, or sent scampering with an aching rib, into the wide pasture of life.

I wonder why. What did God make mothers for? We are told now that by the time a little child is six years old and reaches the first grade in public school, the future character of that child is practically fixed. All later changes are most difficult and sometimes impossible. If that is so, why maintain a parental home and a mother's care after the first six years? Why not leave the children to public schools and other educational institutions?

I can find at least four purposes for which God made mothers—women whose love and care known time limits and ask for no release.

RECIPES

DEVIL CAKE

Into a small skillet put yolk of 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk and 2 squares of chocolate (shaved). Cook until thick as cream stirring constantly. Drop into the mixture a piece of butter as large as an egg. Then pour into the following mixture:
1 cup sugar 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of flour 1 tsp. soda
Lastly stir beaten white of 1 egg. Bake in a shallow pan, in moderate oven.

MOCHA FROSTING

1 cup confectioners sugar 2 tbsp. dry cocoa
1 tbsp. butter 2 tbsp. hot coffee and vanilla
— Mrs. E. M. Schaad

MRS. MABEE IS HOSTESS FOR WOMEN'S CLUB

Mrs. Wallace Mabee was hostess for the last meeting of the Greenbelt Women's Club on May 2 at her home at 3 Woodland Way.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Frederic Newburgh, president of the Housekeeper's Alliance of the District of Columbia, discussed American citizenship.

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, president of the Greenbelt group, was presented with the colors and was made an honorary member of the Housekeeper's Alliance, in recognition of her outstanding leadership.

Booklets containing a review of the year's work, compiled by Mrs. Leon Benefiel and Mrs. Elizabeth Fickes, were distributed to club members.

Mrs. Roy S. Braden, Mrs. Thomas R. Freeman, and Mrs. John C. Gale assisted Mrs. Mabee.

The monthly meetings of the Women's Club were adjourned until the first Thursday in October.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Townsend, recently entertained Mr. Townsend's father and mother, Mayor and Mrs. William H. Townsend of Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

The birthdays of Mr. Townsend and his son, Charles, on the same date, April 29, occasioned the trip to see Washington sights and a home celebration.

Greenbelt's New Babies

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Better Buyers Briefs

Applying the principles learned at the cooperative recreational conference at Pendle Hill which she attended last month, Mrs. Bernice Brautigam was hostess to an original party which some 20 people attended on April 30.

The party, held in the basement of 3 Parkway, started out with a lesson in puppet making, and what original puppets they were—made of paper bags and trimmed with colored paper. In a very short time, there were enough paper bag puppets for part of the group to put on an impromptu play. So clever and original were the puppets that the plot of the play easily revolved itself around a style show with Milton Thurber as the commentator with a French accent.

The next order of business was for the group which was audience to the play to work up a charade. A clever act in two scenes on the word "purchase" was presented.

Square dancing and singing, games to the gay accompaniment of Herbert Hall's accordion and Jack Sherman's calling, climaxed the evening's fun.

Cookies and punch prepared by Mrs. Jessie Fair rounded out the program and it was "nigh unto midnight" when the last guest departed.

HERE'S A HINT FOR BOILED CABBAGE

Do guests always drop in on the nights you regale your family with boiled cabbage? And do they, upon crossing the threshold, dilate the nostrils, stagger back and immediately remember errands in the other end of town? Brace up! It is now possible to combine cabbage and company. Julia Lathrop neatly suggests placing the heel of a loaf of bread on top of the cabbage to absorb the odor.

Now will somebody kindly come forward with a method whereby spring onions may be eaten and friends retained?



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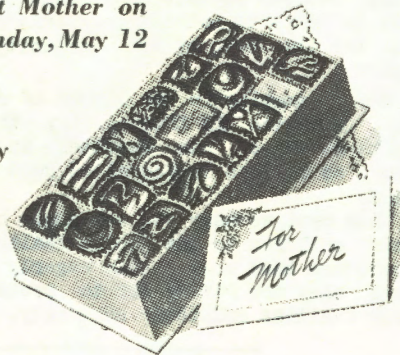
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Remembering the recent write-up in the Consumers' Guide regarding one of our Better Buyers and her young son, the following reprint from Consumer Notes is particularly apropos.

"It has been one of our disappointments that so few consumers, either in person or by representatives, have taken part in the many hearings the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has held," Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace once said. "I assure you that the problem of administration would be much simpler if these producer programs could be discussed at the hearings by representative, fair-minded, unprejudiced consumers," he declared at that time.

Commenting on this declaration, the Consumers' Guide, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture has this to say:

"Slowly but surely consumers are now showing an awareness of the need for their speaking up whenever producers and distributors get together with government to decide questions affecting the price consumers must pay for goods and services, or the quality of those goods and services, or the quantity of goods and services that come to market.

"In support of this new expression of consumers, the Secretary has said: 'I think consumer organizations will not only add to their own accomplishment but will help different groups to find out how they can work together... In all of this (the effort to attain continuous balanced expansion of production) it seems to me that organized consumers can be a very real help... I am convinced organized consumers will play a larger and larger part in the national scheme of things.'"

IS IT FUN TO BE FOOLED?

The following items were removed from interstate commerce under the deceptive packaging provision of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act because their containers were so made, formed or filled as to be misleading: 97 packages containing bandages (in envelopes) the cartons of which were unnecessarily large for the 3 envelopes contained in each carton; 658 cartons of a scalp treatment, the inner box containing which was packed in oversize cartons. Also seized under this provision were 2461 boxes of candy and 402 packages of ice box cookies, the containers of which were too large for the quantity of contents and in some instances contained false bottoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan S. Arness attended "REA night" at the Rural Electrification Administration's electric cooperative at Chapel Point yesterday evening, featured by a cooking contest between housewife-members of the cooperative.

The session began with a dinner cooked and served by Home Economics experts, helped by Co-op members. Secretary Wallace and REA Administrator Slattery were the speakers of the evening. The cooking contest which followed was judged by REA's home economics expert. On display were REA's "equipment circus" which has toured 14 states exhibiting electrical farm equipment, and the Chapel Point Cooperative's new generator.

Don't tie string to windows for supporting your climbing vines, says the Voice of Experience. You'll jam the hinges every time.

Miss Cyrilla O'Connor was a recent guest at a White House tea, on the occasion of the entertainment of the Democratic Women's National Council.

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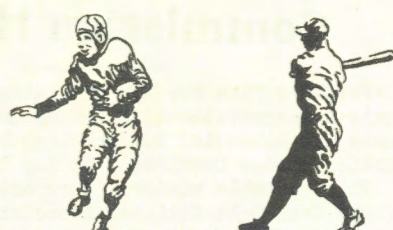
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John Murray, Reporter

SPORTS

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WITH THE REPS

By John F. Murray

With a huff and puff the Greenbelt Reps quit the diamond last Saturday afternoon and declared their four and one half inning tussle with the Maritime Commission no contest. Ben Goldfaden, as manager of the locals, expressed his dissatisfaction with conditions, and threatened to withdraw his team from all further league competition. His team was trailing the Commissioners 2-1 when time was called, but a series of unsatisfactory conditions prompted his complaint. In order they are: playing sites for the two games played have been so inadequate and small as to have the centerfielders of two adjoining diamonds overlapping each others territory. At each game played other teams have arrived on the scene claiming the field as their own by right of permits issued by the Parks Commission. The diamonds are of inferior grade, and although changes in the national rules have been passed no alteration have been made on these playing sites to comply with them. In a word the boys are asking for a new deal or at least a redeal, and until they get it there will be no more Metro League games with the locals except under protest. Next Saturday it will be Dr. Pepper under these terms.

Until conditions made it impossible to continue last Saturday's contest, the lads were having themselves quite a ball game. The firing line was composed of Curt Barker for the Reps and the famed Hal Steffes for the Commissioners, and with delight they offered their best slants to the opposition. The District team drew first blood in the third, when an error gave Musbaum a life, and Kelley pushed him in with a homer into left-center field. The Reps threatened in the fourth, but were one run shy of a tie after Taylor had scored on Bauer's freak hit through the box. McDonald played the best defensive ball of the day with circus catches bordering on the sensational. Messner and Bauer were the only Reps to get hits, and Kelly and Warvell supplied the only ones for the opposition. It had the makings of a ball game for a while, and if the two play in the future, be there, it will be a battle.

As Prince Georges County Champs, 1939, the Reps have entered the P.G.C. Softball League with such teams as Carr Bros. Mt. Rainier, Cooper's Bakery, Hyattsville Gas Co. and Dixie Tavern. Games will be played at Magruder Park in Hyattsville and on the home grounds, with the opening encounter scheduled for the out of town park on this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. against Mt. Rainier. It has been proposed that home games will be staged on Saturday nights to insure full houses for this greatest of Greenbelt's spectator sports.

With a bow to Howard Custer and his method of selecting our town's outstanding citizens may we offer our candidates for the Hall of Fame. Some weeks ago we suggested that sports conscious feminine fans might feel enthusiastic enough about their Reps to present them with a flag. We felt that some economical cooperative sewing would turn the trick, but now we have it from a woman's club styling themselves the "JayBeeJay's", that, "the Reps are deserving of nothing but the best and nothing but the best they shall have". Without more to say about it they raised the required funds, went to a specialty shop in town dealing in such things and now the team is the proud owner of black and gold ensign, pennant, flag, what have you, emblematic of their championship calibre. To these ladies, heaven bless 'em a palm, a medal, an accolade and a lifetime membership to the team. They are Hilda Lastner, Lottie Ahaesy, Edna Green, Bea Coulter, Sing Bradley, Thelma Stewart, Helen Williams, Grace Lyons, Doris Neblett, Camellia Graziana, Dot Abrams, and Jerry Smoot. More than ever our opinion on the subject is, "you can't live with them; and you can't live without them." To the ladies, heaven bless 'em.

GREENBELT CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE STARTS JUNE 1

A Greenbelt Church softball league is being formed by the Recreation Department, and representatives from the various churches in Greenbelt have been selected.

Anyone with the desire to play in this league should contact any of the following men as soon as possible, so that teams may be formed at once. They are Messrs. Collier, 26-B Ridge Road; Abrahams, 1-D Southway; Porter, 2-F Eastway; Reamy, 45-M Ridge Road; Finley, 19-K Ridge Road; Donahue, 45-H Ridge Road; Jones, 1-D Westway; Goodman, 1-E Westway; Starke, 6-N Hillside; and Harrison, 19-S Ridge Road.

Another meeting of the representatives will be held in the Recreation office on Wednesday evening May 15 at 8 P.M. League competition will start June 1, and will continue through the summer, with all games played on Saturdays and Sundays.

Remember this Sunday is Mother's Day.

GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE

The weather man must have turned softie, because for a change the Athletic Club's Grapefruit League got some decent weather. The boys are really losing that excess poundage acquired during the winter.

New members have been coming in so fast that Bill Neblett had to order a fresh supply of application blanks. I imagine this pains Bill no end.

The club has purchased a new supply of balls, bats, catching glove, mask, bat bag, indicator, and a medicine kit. Everything is in readiness for the coming season and most of the ardent softballers are pawing like a bunch of thoroughbreds waiting for the regular season to start.

So many members of J Block have moved to other blocks due to increased families that it keeps Representative Beale busy making replacements. Our hat comes off to Beale for the fine job he is doing bringing in new members.

With the break of the weather some of the boys got to work putting the new clubhouse in order. Old faithful Pop Widger, aided by Whitey Devoe, Al Keagle and Bill Neblett really got going on repairing the club house Saturday. Lumber and material are now on hand and all members are urged to come out and lend a helping hand. How about it boys, here's a chance to drive a few nails without cracking any plaster.

J.A.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MAY 9th

Thurs. May 9	Cavedwellers vs Browns	6 P.M.
	Snob Hill vs Blues	8 P.M.
Fri. May 10	Cliffdwellers vs Dumbells	6 P.M.
	Athletics vs Pioneers	8 P.M.
Mon. May 13	Snob Hill vs White Sox	6 P.M.
	Cliffdwellers vs Blues	8 P.M.
Tues. May 14	Dumbells vs Cavedwellers	6 P.M.
	Athletics vs Red Sox	8 P.M.
Wed. May 15	Browns vs Pioneers	6 P.M.
	White Sox vs Cliffdwellers	8 P.M.

Fockler Rolls 361 Set in W.C.D.A. Tournament

The Musketeers, winners of the Greenbelt Bowling League, set a fast pace in the Washington City Duck-pin Tournament last week at the Arcadia Bowling Alleys, when they spilled the maples for a 1640 set to land first place in Class E. Fockler was high man for the team with games of 127, 111, and 123 for a total of 361. Inspired by this set, Fockler teamed with Timmons to land second place in the Class E doubles.

Men's Baseball Prospects Bright

With 27 men out for practice last Sunday afternoon, the prospects for a hustling baseball nine are very encouraging to Coach Halochwest. This was the fourth week of practice, and with the first game scheduled for May 18 against the Quantico Marines, here's hoping for an opening game victory. As you know practice is held every Sunday afternoon at 2 P.M. According to the latest reports our own diamond should be ready this Sunday, thus eliminating the trips to College Park.

GIRLS' POSTURE CLASS PRESENTS SKIT

The Elementary School Girls Special Posture Class presented a skit in assembly last Friday. Fourteen different types of posture were demonstrated by the girls before the King and Queen of Perfect Posture. Some of these were Miss Projected Head, Stooped Shoulders, Swayback, Toeing Out, Flat Feet, Hollow Back and Good Posture. The skit was under the direction of Doris Dungan.

During the winter the girls and boys with posture difficulties have worked in special classes to correct them. These classes were under the direction of the Recreation Department. All of the children improved their carriage and some of them lost their defects entirely. The play concluded the special posture work for the year.

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G.A.C. HOLDS STRAW RIDE, BARN DANCE

W. W. Jones, Chairman of the Greenbelt's Athletic Club entertainment committee, announces that plans have been completed for a straw ride and barn dance, Saturday night, May 25 at the Cipriano Farm on the Glendale Road.

The straw ride will be in two sections, to accommodate club members, leaving Greenbelt at 7:30 and 8:00 P.M. and returning around midnight or after. Plenty of hot dogs, soft drinks and other refreshments will be available.

The committee which has devised and arranged this novel form of entertainment, a Greenbelt premiere, will have tickets ready for club members in a day or so. The following members are serving on the entertainment committee and should be contacted for tickets:

W. W. Jones - A Block Al Lewis - D Block
Al Bowman - B Block Harry Merryman - E Block
Red Allen - C Block Joe Di Pietra - J Block

Dig out your O'ralls and old clothes, and come along. The moon will be full, and there will be plenty of fun on this big double-header.

Reps Trim Coopers Bakery

Last Saturday night the Reps played the Coopers Bakery softballers in a tuneup game for Prince Georges County league opener this Sunday, and smothered them by the score of 13 to 4. Still foaming at the mouth from their treatment earlier in the day at the hands of the Metro League officials, the hometowners cut loose and showed no mercy, hitting them all over the lot. Trumbule won his first start of the season as every member of the Reps saw service. J.M.

BOX SCORE

COOPERS	POS	AB	R	H	REPS	POS	AB	R	H
Wilds	SS	4	1	1	Beale	1b	4	2	1
Bradley	RF	4	0	0	Sanchez	2b	2	0	0
Harold	3b	4	1	1	McDonald	LF	4	2	2
Mills	LF	4	1	2	Taylor	SS	5	2	2
Herbert	2b	3	0	1	Goldfaden	3b	3	2	2
Miller	C	3	1	1	Bauer	RF	2	1	0
Port	1b	3	1	1	Marack	CF	3	1	1
Bausch	P	2	0	0	Chapman	SF	2	0	0
Newcomb, D.	CF	2	0	0	Trumbule	P	4	0	2
Newcomb, W.	SF	3	0	0	Bowman	C	1	0	0
Ray	2b	1	0	0	Lastner	2b	2	2	0
Cady	P	1	0	0	East	RF	2	0	0
Scanlon	CF	1	0	1	Blanchard	CF	0	0	0
					Cockill	SF	2	0	0
					Messner	C	2	1	1
Totals		35	4	8			38	13	11

2 Base Hits - Herbert, Mills, Taylor, Marack, Beale, McDonald.

3 Base Hits - Wilds, Mills.

Home Run - Goldfaden.

Winning Pitcher - Trumbule.

Losing Pitcher - Bausch.

Recreation Department Archery Club

Due to the extraordinary interest in archery shown last summer by the women of Greenbelt, it has been decided to again organize an archery club to further that interest. Many interesting contests were held last year so all women who wish to join the club are urged to make a special effort to attend a meeting tomorrow afternoon, Friday, May 10 at 1 P.M. in the Recreation office in the school.

Let's have a large gathering and start the archery program off with a bang!



Thumbnail Sketches of the Grizzlies

By Frank Loftus

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of biographical sketches about the players on the high school baseball team.)

Harold Estes - Age: 16; Height: 5'4"; Weight: 140.

Here's a happy guy who plays baseball about like he does everything. He doesn't get very excited, and takes life easy. He's just a sophomore, and so far has only slightly dabbled in sports, having played on the freshmen basketball team.

He likes to argue, but will give up an argument any day to eat. Harold's a good ole boy.

Andy Freeman - Age: 15; Height: 6'1"; Weight: 150; Position: Pitcher.

A young freshman, tasting his first high school baseball after two previous years on the Boys Club team.

Andy's a tall boy,--looms up like a lighthouse in the fog. He hasn't played much this year, but it's quite possible that the future pitching hopes of the Grizzlies lie in Mr. Freeman.

Edward Kaighn - Age: 17; Height: 5'10"; Weight: 130.

This lanky fellow is wee bit modest about talking about himself.

He's only lived in Greenbelt a few months, but has made lots of friends.

It seems that his sport experience, and he's very modest, entails a few years baseball practise in Collingwood, New Jersey.

The Prince Georges County Track meet will be held this year on May 15, 1940 at College Park, Md. Plan to attend.



Jim Smith, Greenbelt's No. 1 gardener, comes through with another of his excellent and timely bulletins. I know you'd rather have this, anyway, than my sketchy notes on the meeting, and I am glad to offer it for your information. Better digest it thoroughly. It's worth it.

"Unless you have a hankering to discover something new, stick to the old line crops for a greater return on your garden investment. Tomatoes (love-apples) are among the most universally used product grown in the garden. No matter how small the garden, there should be a few plants. The Marglobe and Stone are standard intermediate and late varieties and I don't think you can go wrong by selecting either variety for your garden.

A very good and recognized method of growing tomatoes in the home garden is by pruning or suckering the plants to a single stem, or at most to two stems, and tying them to stakes. By so doing, the plants can be set as close as two feet apart in each direction, thereby conserving your garden space for other crops. Tomatoes tied to stakes are much easier to cultivate and the fruit is cleaner because it is kept off the ground, and out of the reach of that well-known animal that caused me to have three running fits last summer, (the rabbit)! It is believed that the fruit will ripen earlier when the plants are suckered and tied to stakes. Any stakes or poles that are one and one half inches in diameter and four to five feet long should serve the purpose. To sucker or prune your tomatoes an authority in the Department of Agriculture has this to say. Pinch the side shoots as they appear in the axil of the leaf; that is, where it joins the main stem. The fruit clusters appear on the opposite side of the stem where there is no leaf. As a suggestion, any old cotton goods or jute string is suitable for tying the plants to the stakes. Loop the material around the stake in such a manner that it will not slip downward on the stake, tie loosely below a leaf node (joint of a stem) in such a way that the stem can support the fruit without the string cutting or injuring its growth. It is well to remember when you get ready to set your plants, not to be light handed. Put that plant deep and well down into the ground, for the tomato will need that extra moisture during the hot summer months."

— J. Cooper Smith

Lorraine Buck, 3-A Gardenway Road, celebrated her ninth birthday with a party Saturday. Among those present were her two cousins Nancy Lee and Betty Jean Shook of Forest Glen, Maryland, Miss Ruth Bowman, Mrs. Anna Altheide and son Ted of Washington, Adele Eubanks, Cecile Strickland, Marilyn Eshbaugh, Mary Bradford, Barbara Bonham, Ida Jones, Eddy Ashley, Frank Johnson, Lewis and Dudley Peeler, Jimmie Bridges and Rae Sowell of Greenbelt.

People's Plan No. 1 Wins Commission Hearing

People's Plan No. 1, providing for minimum adequate transportation for Prince Georges County residents is scheduled for hearings before the Maryland Public Service Commission on May 13, 1940.

This notable victory is reported by the chairman of the Greenbelt Citizens Association Transportation Committee, who is one of the two delegates representing the Association on the Joint Committee for Transportation for Prince Georges County.

At the hearing Tuesday, April 30, 1940, before the Public Service Commission, R. T. W. Duke of Rogers Heights, spokesman for the group representing the Joint Committee, moved that consideration of the transit company's proposal to abandon service between College Park and Laurel be held in abeyance until People's Plan No. 1 could be given a hearing. In further support of the Committee's contention, it was pointed out that petition requesting such hearing had been forwarded to the Commission September 22, 1939.

The motion of the Committee was held to be reasonable by the Commission, which thereupon postponed the transit company's proposal until May 13, to follow hearing on the People's Plan.

The proposal of the Capital Transit Company to abandon service on this line at College Park would have the effect of shortening the 2nd Maryland fare zone which is now established as the distance from Riverdale to Branchville. Also, under People's Plan No. 1, that part of this line extending to Berwyn would be an integral section of a through bus line from Greenbelt into Washington.

Counsel for the transit company protested the postponement of hearing on the proposal to abandon, stating that such action was not justified by interjection of this "new and novel" plan. In reply the Committee spokesman pointed out that the company has been in possession of a map and full information regarding the plan since August, 1939, at which time negotiations were in progress to solve the transportation problem in the County.

"THEY THINK I'M A SALESMAN"—CENSUS MAN

"Most people don't look very glad to see me", remarks Edward Davenport, Greenbelt's census taker. "They think I'm a necktie salesman, or something." Mr. Davenport hopes to complete his rounds by the end of next week, and makes a special request that townspeople cooperate with him by filling out the appointment blanks he leaves when he finds no one home. These may be mailed back to him free of charge, under the Government frank.

Mr. Davenport sports a handsome tan which he acquired working at Beltsville, his smile is pleasant, and the interview is short and painless. Ladies, you really have something in store for you!

In Alexandria, Virginia, a 146-year-old ban on Negroes at the public library has been lifted.

Six Additional Painters Rush Maintenance Work

Six additional painters have been hired by the town to speed its springtime maintenance work. The exteriors of many homes where the original paint job is beginning to fail will get first attention from our brush wielders, while the repainting of interior walls will proceed on schedule. Interiors have almost been completed in B block.

Washable paint of the flat oil type is now being used throughout on inside work, it was announced by O. Kline Fulmer, replacing the original casein paint with which Greenbelters have had so much difficulty. He explained that the casein paint was necessary for the first wall covering because its porous texture permitted the fresh plaster of the newly constructed homes to dry properly.

Mr. Fulmer had some advice to dispense anent floor wax. He recommended the use of less wax and more elbow grease on our dark asphalt tile floors, to prevent whitening. The school, for instance, whose gleaming floors are covered with the same type of tile, uses a very slight amount of wax and a heavy burnishing brush.

Friday, May 17, at 8 P. M. in the Auditorium, the education committees of the Consumer Services and the Health Association are cooperating to put on a program about cancer. Everyone is invited.

The film "Choose to Live" will be shown, together with a "medicine show" skit, and an exhibit of patent medicines and quack cancer cures.

The American Legion Auxiliary is meeting tonight at the Legion headquarters to read and vote on by-laws.

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